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A. RUMANIAN GROUND FORCES

*a Troop**Unit of horse-drawn artillery, STALIN
(formerly BRASOV)*

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of undetermined size is quartered in

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*a barracks on the highway to BOD, on the northern
edge of Stalin about 2.5 km from the center of
the city.**The barracks consist of 4 three-story buildings,
built in a quadrangle. Each building is approxi-
mately 80 by 20 meters.**There is a wall on the street side and
stockades on the other three sides.**Observed weapons.**An undetermined number of pieces which*

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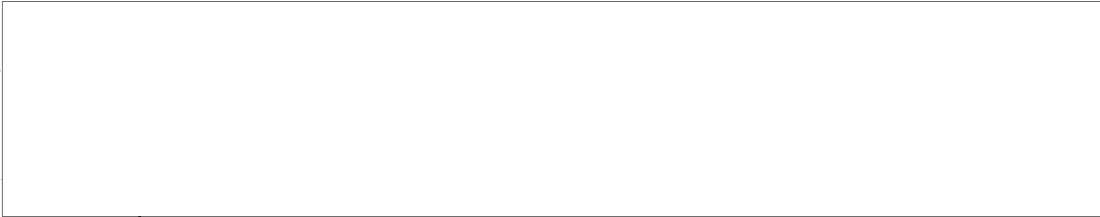
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howitzers, caliber

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122/12 model 10/30, Soviet manufacture, based
on the Schneider model 10, remodeled 1930.



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The weapons of this unit differed from
those  by the carriage which
had iron wheels and solid rubber tires.

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They are drawn by one team of horses,
large human animals

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 only one pair of
horses was used to draw these very heavy
pieces.

— Guns of about 120 mm, tubes 3 meters
long, pneumatic tread carriage and limber,
split trail, no muzzle brake, undetermined
type, drawn by 2 pairs of horses.

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[redacted] the number of
howitzers and cannons [redacted] during the
training of the unit was about 200(?)

- The unit trained:

- on an open field at the northern edge of
the city, between the railroad toward CODREA

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[redacted] and the road to STUPINEI

- in a glade on the northern edge of the
city, adjacent to the west side of the road

to BOD [redacted]

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[redacted] an infantry unit of units - STALIN

Armed stringed is quartered in a barracks
on ~~at~~ Lunga street.

On the street side are two 4-story
buildings in a line. One is 100 by 45 meters
and the other 50 by 45 meters.

Another building can be seen behind them.

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The area is surrounded by a wall.

Observed weapons

- 2. B ordinary repeating rifles, types ~~270~~

- rifles, med. sized, shoulder carried by

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five men

- submachine guns, type PPSk, Soviet make.

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an cavalry unit of unknown STALIN

Shengal is quartered in another barracks
on ^{street} Lunga about 1.5 km from the
center of the city.

The only weapons are ordinary repeating rifles

or carbines

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[redacted]
[redacted] Stables for the animals STALIN
of the horse-drawn artillery and cavalry
are located on ~~street~~ ^{street} Lunga, between
the barracks of these two units.

The horses are kept in requisitioned
stables and threshing sheds.

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[redacted]
- 15 Heavy AA guns, of unde- BRASOV
termined type and caliber, are irregularly placed
in half-buried positions near the municipal
slaughter house, 2 km southeast of BRASOV

The piece have a 4-meter-long tube
except one, which is in the center of the
position, with a tube of 5 or 6 meters.

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in the enclosed area of the above mentioned
artillery positions.

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c Miscellaneous

Construction of a new barracks BRASOV

This is being built adjacent to the west
side of the highway to BOD, about 400 to 500 meters
north of the barracks in which the artillery
unit (see paragraph "a" troops) is quartered.
The new camp has 11 buildings in which

the soldiers of the labor battalions are lodged.

These soldiers will be used to construct
the new camp.

Work has not yet started.

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A) Ground Forces

I) Russian

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a) Headquarters

Unidentified Soviet military headquarters
~~located~~
~~stations~~ in a 3-story building at No 54 or
 No 56 CANTACUSINO street, opposite the
 civilian fuel distribution station.

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b) Services

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Automotive repair shop located in wooden
 barracks and in some masonry buildings, in
 the forest of GRANGU LUI BOT, ^{about} 1/4 km west of
 the locality indicated in the margin, 1,500
 meters south of the road to TARGOVISTE (79-80/
 26-0).

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There are ^{also} ~~only~~ civilian ^{workers} ~~operators~~ employed in
 this zone. A Soviet military autopullman leaves
 for PLOESTI at 0700 o'clock and returns at 1700
 o'clock to transport about thirty workers who live in the
 city of PLOESTI to the workshop in question. These
 workers receive higher pay than those employed by
 factories or other ~~workshops~~ Rumanian enterprises of the same type

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c) Logistic movements

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(IN ON area east of PLOESTI)

Intense military

railroad traffic ~~coming~~ from BUZAU

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to PLOESTI. This traffic ^{Took} place day andnight and consist^{ed} ~~ed~~ for the greater part, of~~equipment~~ ^{with canvas} transports of all types, all covered ~~cloth~~. The~~rate~~ ^{frequency} of this traffic, according to the residents

of this zone, was 150 trains per month in summer 1950.

3 trains in 2 hours in the

afternoon of a day

The Soviet military trains are ironically called "peace trains" by the population of PLOESTI.

the peak of military traffic

was reached in summer 1950, when an attack on Yugoslavia was ^{with certainty} ~~certainly~~ expected by the population.

II) Rumanian

a) Headquarters

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Military district located on former B~~U~~NAVESTIRE (now K.Marx) street, corner MIHAI BRAVU street.

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It occupies a 3-story building, about 60 (on B~~U~~NAVESTIRE street) by 25 meters.

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Commanding officer: A lieutenant colonel

b) Troops

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Barracks of the ^{former} 19th Artillery Regiment, located in the northwestern outskirts of the city, in quarters called BARIERA TARGOVISTE, on MORENI street.

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It seems that the barracks are now occupied by
an unidentified Rumanian unit.

Rumanian unit - ^{branch}~~arms~~ and strength unde-
termined - ^{housed}~~stationed~~ in barracks formerly
occupied by the 32nd Rumanian Infantry

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Regiment, on the same street as the one mentioned
- in the direction of
before, about 500 meters/~~from~~ the center of the city -
from the barracks of the former 19th Artillery
Regiment.

Unidentified Rumanian unit stationed in
barracks of the former 7th Infantry
Regiment, on the western outskirts of

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the city indicated in the margin, on the street

leading to TARGSOKU-NOV; ☐

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☐ 5-6 km west-south-west of PLOESTI.

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B) Economic Information

a) Industries

The mineral ^{oil} refineries described in the following context
of the report were merged as follows: the former "STANDARD",
"COLUMBIA" and "VEGA" into the Soviet-Rumanian SOVROMPETROL
company in 1946, the former "ROMANA -AMERICANA", "UNIREA"
and "STRA ROMANA" were nationalized during the same period
and merged into the "PETROLIFERA MUNTENIA".

It seems that the latter, around November 1950, were
absorbed by the Soviet-Rumanian SOVROMPETROL company.

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Refinery, formerly "ASTRA ROMANA", now
 called SOVROMPETROL No 1, located in the
 outskirts south of the city indicated in the
 BUZAU - PLOESTI
 margin, about 200 meters west of the/railroad
 line
 Workers: about 2,500 in 3 shifts
 Production: not precisely known.

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unknown
 during a 24 hour period - in addition to the/quantity
 which is sent via pipe lines - 200 10-ton tank cars
 are sent to the USSR.

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Refinery, formerly "COLUMBIA", located in the
 outskirts northwest of the city indicated in the
 margin, immediately east of the railroad line to
 BRASOV
 Workers: about 1000 in 3 shifts
 Production: 100 tank cars in 24 hours

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Refinery, formerly "UNIREA", located in the out-
 skirts of the city, immediately north of the
 railroad line to BUZAU
 Workers: about 2,000 in 3 shifts
 Production: Presumably the same as the one
 mentioned under "ASTRA ROMANA".

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Refinery, formerly "VEGA", located 300 meters
 northeast of the last house of PLOESTI, 100
 meters east of the railroad line to the locality
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Workers: about 2,000 in 3 shifts

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Production: 6,000 tons daily

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Refinery, formerly "ROMANA-AMERICANA", located about 1/4 kilometers east of PLOESTI, 800 - 1000 meters

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north of the railroad line to BUZAU

Workers: about 2,000 in 3 shifts

Production: 2,000 - 3,000 tons daily

Refinery, formerly "STANDARD", located in the

^ outskirts southeast of the city, immediately

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south of the railroad line to BUZAU

Workers: 400 - 500 in 3 shifts

Prices of gasoline and kerosine

The new prices for distillates which went into effect around November 1950 are as follows:

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Gasoline:

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- on the free market: 70 lei per kilogram(not subject to restrictions)

The price ~~prevailing for the month of May~~ before the above-mentioned increase was 22 lei per kilogram.

- on ration coupons: 23 lei per kilogram

Kerosine

Is not subject to rationing

The present price is 10 lei per kilogram. *Previously* ~~that~~,

the price was 4 lei per kilogram.

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